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1. The town of Dudinka (69°25'N/86°08'E) is located at the junction of the Dudinka and Yenisei rivers. Administratively, the town belongs to the Norilsk district. The nine-story houses of Dudinka looked rather primitive and streets were unpaved. The town covered an area about 2.5 kilometers in diameter. Industrial enterprises were not noticed and the requirements of the local population were met by artisans. Dudinka gained some importance by its location on the Yenisei River where it served as a transloading point for freight traffic to and from Norilsk. The population was estimated at 30 to 50,000 most of them settled there by force. Most of the inhabitants were employed as loading workers but loading operations were possible only from mid-June into mid-September. During the other months of the year, goods arriving from Norilsk were piled up and goods consigned to Norilsk were dispatched there.¹

2. The total population in the Dudinka - Norilsk area was estimated as follows:

Dudinka	30 to 50,000
Norilsk	70 to 10,000
18 convict camps each	
occupied by 3,500 internees	<u>about 65,000</u>
Total	165,000 to 200,000

3. The landing stages set up for ocean going ships and river ships had railroad connections. A minor railroad repair shop where maintenance work on locomotives and railroad cars could be performed was also available on the river quay. Two ration supply dumps southeast of Dudinka also had a railroad connection.² Dudinka railroad station was equipped with some shunting tracks.

5. In August 1948, only a railroad line with a gauge of 850 mm ~~wide~~ was in existence between Dudinka and Norilsk. In August 1948 and in June 1953, a railroad journey was made from Dudinka to Norilsk and from Norilsk to Dudinka respectively. In Norilsk it was learned from Soviets that a second Soviet-gauge railroad line had been completed between Dudinka and Norilsk in 1951. The return trip from Norilsk to Dudinka was scheduled to be made on this new railroad line in June 1953. Since, however, this

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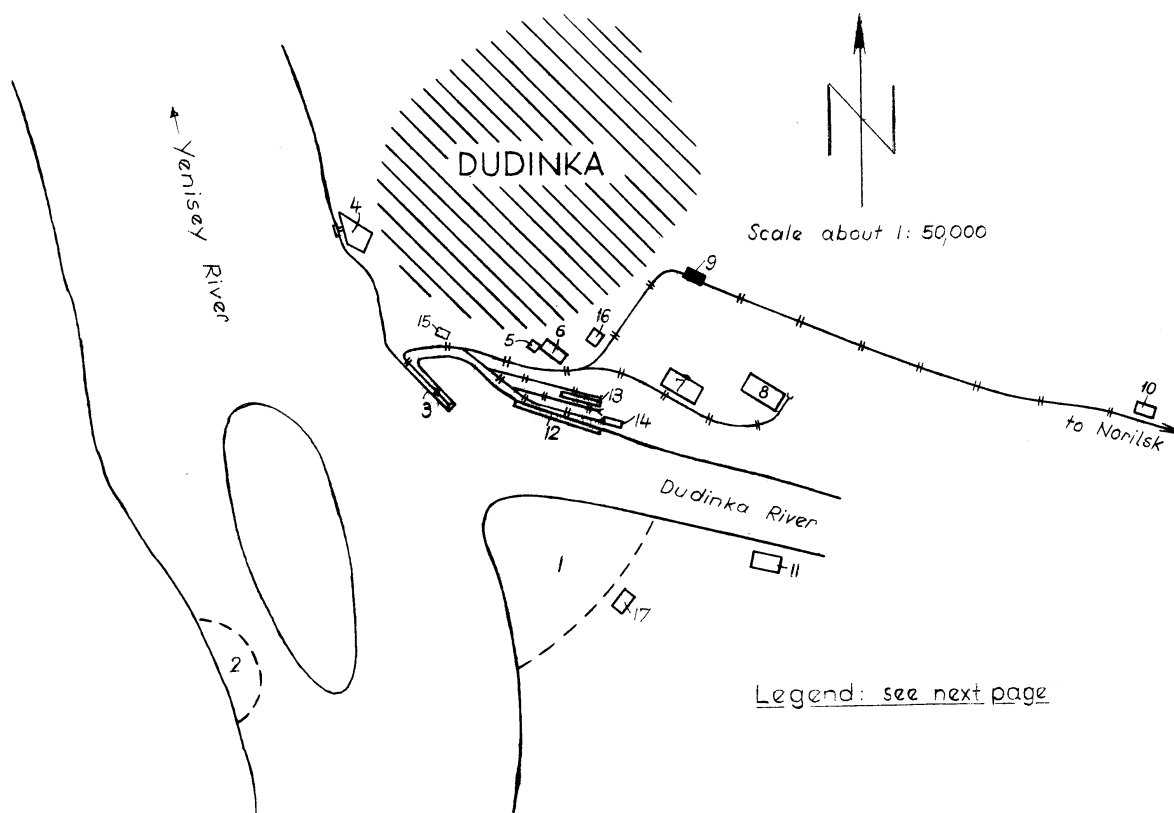
Traffic and Supply Installations at Dudinka.

Legend:

- 1 Airfield
- 2 Seaplane base
- 3 Landing Stage for ocean-going ships, about 750 m long, with two Soviet-gauge tracks and one narrow-gauge track.
- 4 Coal dump
- 5 Deactivated power station
- 6 Convict camp No 4.
- 7 Ration supply dump
- 8 " " "
- 9 Dudinka railroad station.
- 10 Convict camp No 26
- 11 Convict camp at the Suda Shipyard
- 12 Landing stage for river ships, about 1 km long, equipped with three Soviet-gauge tracks.
- 13 Storage shed.
- 14 Railroad Repair shop
- 15 Port administration
- 16 Quarters of MVD unit
- 17 Quarters of flying personnel

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